

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020 5:00 PM
DIAL IN NUMBER (US) 1-312-584-2401 MEETING ID: 1378275#
OR
HTTPS://CALL.LIFESIZECLOUD.COM/1378275
PLEASE MUTE WHEN NOT SPEAKING

Call to Order (5:00 PM)

Members Present: Basden II, Calandro, Comparato, Erbes, Mueller and Snyder
Members Absent: Morris

Also present: Keith Larkin*, Keri Gale, Bart Hagston, Kenton Schafer, Maureen Berkowitz, John Rendleman, Laurie Nehring, Dan Bost, Robert Burns, Jennifer Lindsey, Orval Rowe, Rick Pearson

*Chairman Larkin led the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

- I. [20-5231](#) Approval of July 14, 2020 Minutes
A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Comparato, to approve the July 14, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 6 - Basden II, Calandro, Comparato, Erbes, Mueller and Snyder
Absent: 1 - Morris

Communication

- II. [20-5232](#) MediaCom Update
This item was informational only regarding Mediacom.

Animal Control

- III. [20-5233](#) Animal Control Monthly Update
The County Administrator noted that animal incident reports were running steady compared to previous months. She also noted that the County currently has no Animal Control Administrator and that all the vets in the county have responded "no" when asked. Mueller asked if the Humane Shelter could help the County with the current situation, to which the County Administrator replied no because the current contract between the County and the Humane Society states that they are not required to take animal bites. Snyder asked the reason the vets had all said no. The County Administrator noted that some do not take animal bites and some do not have the space required to house the animals. She also noted that the vet would be required to be responsible for the animal if the owner did not come and pick up the animal after the quarantine period.

Health Department & Solid Waste

- IV. [20-5235](#) Solid Waste Enforcement
Gale reported that the staff had conducted the following: 2 open dumping site visits; 1 re-visit to existing site; 1 new site visit; 0 site closures; 1 citizen complaint; 0 landfill inspections.
- V. [20-5236](#) Solid Waste Fund Update
Gale noted the following:
Transfers: \$- 18,882.29 (June - July)- Trash, Document Destruction & Medical Waste Disposal
\$177,954.96 - Solid waste and Recycling program - 11/1/19 - 4/30/20

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020 5:00 PM
DIAL IN NUMBER (US) 1-312-584-2401 MEETING ID: 1378275#
OR
HTTPS://CALL.LIFESIZECLOUD.COM/1378275
PLEASE MUTE WHEN NOT SPEAKING

Interest: \$671.04
Deposits: \$89,407.37
Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions
Transfers: \$0
Interest: \$27.44
Deposits: \$0
Host Fee Deposited
Deposits: \$79,399.50

- VI. [20-5237](#) Recycling Program
Gale noted the department was working on software to schedule upcoming events and contact tracing for COVID-19.
-

Emergency Management

Rowe gave an update on the Emergency Management activities in the County which have included monitoring resource supplies and working with the local school districts on Personal Protective Equipment for their upcoming new school year.

Ambulance Service

- VII. [20-5238](#) Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$26,475.12
The original total of \$26,475.12 was incorrect on the agenda. The correct amount that was voted on (and which was included in the packet) was \$26,464.87.
A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Calandro, to approve the ambulance monthly claims in the amount of \$26,464.87. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 6 - Basden II, Calandro, Comparato, Erbes, Mueller and Snyder
Absent: 1 - Morris
- VIII. [20-5239](#) Director's Report
Schafer reported the following:
Monthly Claims: \$26,475.12
Accounts Receivable Cash: \$247,532.69
Activity Report: 887 patient care reports for 866 incidents for EMS. 35 Livery transports.
Other Information:
The HGAC purchasing contract approved by County Board last month has been submitted to HGAC for their approval. Once their board approves the contract The ambulance department will need to purchase an ambulance. The department has money budgeted to cover this expenditure, and needs this ambulance as soon as possible.
- IX. [20-5254](#) SIH Transfer Agreement Addendum
Schafer reported to the committee that this item is an amendment to the SIH transfer agreement. SIH contacted the ambulance department to request an amendment to the transfer agreement currently in place with them to include transporting neonatal patients along with
-

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020 5:00 PM
DIAL IN NUMBER (US) 1-312-584-2401 MEETING ID: 1378275#
OR
HTTPS://CALL.LIFESIZECLOUD.COM/1378275
PLEASE MUTE WHEN NOT SPEAKING

their neonatal care team. Memorial Hospital of Carbondale has upgraded their Special Care Nursery to level IIE which is considered a higher level of care than currently offered in the area. Mt. Vernon would contact staff at MHC and request the transport for neonatal infants requiring this higher level of care. MHC will contact the County's dispatch and the department will send our ambulance and staff to MHC to pick up the neonatal transport team and their specialized equipment. The ambulance department will transport the team and equipment to Mt. Vernon, patient care will be turned over to the transport team, the patient and the team will be returned to the MHC Special Care Nursery. Mr. Turk wrote the language for the amendment and at the request of SIH, the ambulance department submitted the language for their legal team to review. Their legal team reviewed the amendment and they have approved and already signed the agreement. Currently, MHC anticipates 1 or 2 transports per month, however those numbers are anticipated to increase in the future as their plans are to increase their Special Care Nursery to Level III which would include care for more specialized patients and, in turn, more transports.

In order to accommodate these additional transfers in a timely manner additional staff will be required. Because this will increase the ambulance departments costs, the department could not financially accommodate these transports without payment directly from SIH. These transports qualify as a specialty care transport which will be billed to SIH at the rates indicated by the ambulance department's current fee schedule \$1,125.00 plus \$12.00 per mile. Most transports are anticipated from Good Samaritan in Mt. Vernon which is 55 miles. The payment would be \$1,785 per patient transport. This is a much needed service to our County and surrounding area, and the ambulance department would like the opportunity to help support MHC in their efforts to provide this service to Southern Illinois.

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Snyder, to approve the SIH Transfer Agreement Addendum. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Basden II, Calandro, Comparato, Erbes, Mueller and Snyder
Absent: 1 - Morris

X. [20-5234](#)

Jackson County Health Department

Hagston gave an updated Health Department report which included the following:

1. Update on Covid-19 for the county (currently have had 737 cases to date, 20 deaths, 619 released from isolation, and currently 98 active cases.)
2. The Health Department hired 13 new staff to help with contact tracing.
3. The Health Department is working with the local schools on re-opening plans/procedures concerning Covid-19 for the fall semester.

There was also a discussion between the committee and Hagston concerning schools reporting Covid-19 cases.

Legislative

XI. [20-5257](#)

County Mask Ordinance

The committee discussed the reasons why the County felt it needed to support this ordinance and what kind of changes were needed before voting on the agenda item. Citizen comments were allowed after the discussion. Citizen Rick Pearson asked the committee why the County would want to do this, who would be enforcing the ordinance, and what the enforcement

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020 5:00 PM
DIAL IN NUMBER (US) 1-312-584-2401 MEETING ID: 1378275#
OR
[HTTPS://CALL.LIFESIZECLOUD.COM/1378275](https://call.lifesizecloud.com/1378275)
PLEASE MUTE WHEN NOT SPEAKING

would look like. Larkin responded that the County feels that Covid-19 is a problem and that it wanted to stand behind what the Governor had already put into action. He noted that the enforcement would be done by the Sheriff's Department and the local Health Department. Larkin also commented that the first offense was a warning, and that any subsequent violations could be a fine up to \$100.

A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Calandro, to approve the adoption of the County Mask Ordinance pending legal review, clarification on language concerning enforce-ability, and inclusion of a Sunset clause stating that the ordinance will be in effect until the State reaches phase 5 of the Governor's re-opening plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Calandro, Comparato, Erbes, Mueller and Snyder

No: 1 - Basden II

Absent: 1 - Morris

Citizen Comments

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn (6:40 PM)

Erbes moved and Snyder seconded to adjourn, motion carried.